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SUBJ: ROMANIAN MEDIA COMMENT ON CSCE

1. SUMMARY. MAJOR EDITORIAL IN RCP DAILY SCINTEIA
BLASTS "UNILATERAL" WESTERN EFFORTS ON SUCH BASKET III
TOPICS AS EMIGRATION AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION AS
INIMICAL TO SPIRIT OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT, DANGEROUS
TO PROSPECTS FOR PEACE, AND HYPOCRITICAL TO BOOT.
WAY TO PROGRESS IS TO CONCENTRATE ON MORE "POSITIVE"
ASPECTS LEADING TO GENUINE SECURITY AND UNDERSTANDING
AMONG PEOPLES. TO DOCUMENT POINT OF UNHAPPY ROMANIAN
EXPERIENCES WITH LIFE OVERSEAS, WEEKLY FLACARA
CARRIES LONG ITEM ON ALLEGED TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS
OF ROMANIAN WOMAN IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO HER RETURN
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HERE. ON MORE STATESMAN-LIKE PLANE, VALENTIN
KIPATTI, ROMANIA'S LEADING CSCE EXPERT, ARGUES
IN LUMEA FOR MORE POSITIVE MEASURES OF COOPERATION
AND CONCRETE RESULTS FROM BELGRADE. SCINTEIA AND
LUMEA ARTICLES ARE FIRST MAJOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CSCE WE HAVE SEEN RECENTLY AND PROBABLY ARE FORE-
FUNNERS OF ROMANIAN PRE-BELGRADE BUILDUP. END

SUMMARY.

2. UNSIGNED SCINTEIA EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 2 TAKES CULTURAL AND "OTHER HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS" AS MAJOR THEME. AFTER RITUAL CALL FOR VIEWING HELSINKI FINAL ACT AS A "UNITARY" DOCUMENT WHICH MUST BE TAKEN AS A WHOLE, ARTICLE STRESSES THAT IT WOULD BE SERIOUS ERROR TO REDUCE "SPIRIT OF HELSINKI" TO ONLY BASKET III ITEMS WHICH "UNFORTUNATELY SOME POLITICAL AND PRESS CIRCLES IN SOME COUNTRIES DO." DEFINING ROMANIA'S VIEWS OF CULTURAL COLLABORATION IN TERMS OF STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, SHARP ISSUE IS TAKEN WITH "UNILATERAL" MANNER IN WHICH "SOME WESTERN CIRCLES" INTERPRET COOPERATION IN CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN FIELD, THEREBY OPENLY CONTRADICTING CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK OF FINAL ACT. THUS, "OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED BY COMMON AGREEMENT ARE IGNORED OR MINIMIZED,-- ATTENTION BEING FOCUSED INSTEAD UPON SOME INDIVIDUAL CASES IN ONE COUNTRY OR ANOTHER WHICH RECEIVE HIGHLY SENSATIONALIZED ATTENTION. IN THE SAME WAY, SOME COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO PROPAGANDIZE IN FAVOR OF EMIGRATION UNDER THE PRETEXT OF FAMILY UNIFICATION WHEN THEIR REAL DESIRE IS TO OBTAIN CHEAP MANPOWER, THEREBY DECEIVING AND UPROOTING PEOPLE WHO ARE FILLED WITH VAIN ILLUSIONS." SUCH POLICIES CONTRADICT SPIRIT OF HELSINKI AND DO NOT FURTHER DETENTE AND MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AMONG PEOPLES; RATHER, THEY CREATE ANIMOSITY, SOW THE SEEDS OF DISCORD, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FOSTER TENSION IN POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE OF EUROPE IN EVIDENT CONTRADICTION TO SECURITY INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF EUROPEAN PEOPLES.

3. BELGRADE MEETING, EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, MUST ADOPT CONCRETE MEASURES TO SPEED IMPLEMENTATION OF HELSINKI PRINCIPLES. THOROUGH PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE IS NECESSARY, REQUIRING EFFORTS OF ALL STATES TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS, INCLUDING CULTURAL. TO THIS END, ROMANIA REPEATS ITS PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE MASSIVE CULTURAL-ARTISTIC EVENTS, ON A EUROPEAN SCALE, THUS HELPING TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE OF TRUST, RESPECT, AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE AND SPEEDING PROCESS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY AND WORLD PEACE.

4. TO UNDERLINE POINT, FEBRUARY 3 EDITION OF FLACARA, QUASI-SENSATIONALIST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF SOCIALIST UNITY FRONT, RECOUNTED TRIBULATIONS

OF ONE ILEANA V. IN GOTHIC TERMS, SHE RECOUNTED HER LIFE IN NEW YORK CITY WHERE SHE ALLEGEDLY WAS FORCED TO WORK WITHOUT PAY FOR "2,000 HOURS" AS A MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BEFORE SHE COULD ASPIRE TO A SALARY. WHEN SHE FINALLY BEGAN DRAWING PAY, IT WAS GROSSLY INADEQUATE. SHE BECAME ILL, BUT IN THE HOSPITAL SHE WAS USED AS GUINEA PIG FOR EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS WHICH LEFT HER ENTIRE BODY ABNORMALLY COLD. FINALLY, SHE COULD TAKE NO MORE AND, ABANDONING HER HUSBAND, SHE RETURNED TO ROMANIA TO A GOOD JOB, HER OWN APARTMENT, AND UNDERSTANDING FRIENDS. FLACARA HAS PREVIOUSLY CARRIED SIMILAR ARTICLES, BUT SELDOM AS LENGTHY OR DETAILED.

5. FEBRUARY 3 EDITION OF LUMEA, WEEKLY MAGAZINE DEVOTED TO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, CARRIES LONG ARTICLE ENTITLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"1977-A NEW STEP IN BUILDING EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION" BY VALENTIN LIPATTI, ROMANIA'S FOREMOST CSCE EXPERT AND HEAD OF SPECIAL UNIT IN MFA DEVOTED TO CSCE AFFAIRS. PRESENTATION IS GENERALLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND COVERS ALL AREAS OF FINAL ACT. LIPATTI ARGUES THAT, EVEN THOUGH PROGRESS HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN MADE, MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE SINCE HELSINKI PROCESS HAS NOT BECOME "IRREVERSIBLE" AND "FORCES HOSTILE TO DETENTE" ARE WORKING ACTIVELY FOR RETURN TO "COLD WAR" SITUATION. ARMS RACE AND CONFRONTATION OF MILITARY BLOCS HAS BECOME EVEN MORE DANGEROUS. WHAT ARE NEEDED ARE REAL DISARMAMENT MEASURES (WARSAW PACT NNFU IS CITED), "ELIMINATION OF USE OF ECONOMIC MEASURES AS INSTRUMENTS OF POLITICAL PRESSURE", AND "UNITARY ACTION" AMONG EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF BERLIN ECPC AND BUCHAREST WARSAW PACT PCC MEETINGS. LIPATTI DESCRIBES HUMANITARIAN ITEMS IN TERMS SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS DAY'S SCIENTEIA EDITORIAL, THEN CONCLUDES WITH CALL FOR BELGRADE CONFERENCE TO TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO FURTHER PROCESS BEGUN AT HELSINKI AND NOT TO BE ITS EPILOGUE.

6. COMMENT: IMPLICIT REFERENCES TO U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN PRESSURE FOR MORE LIBERALIZED ROMANIAN EMIGRATION MEASURES AND UNITED STATES' USE OF MFN TO THIS END ARE CLEAR. IT IS POSSIBLE FLACARA ARTICLE MAY ALSO BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAUTA CASE AND MR. RAUTA'S RECENT AD IN WASHINGTON POST DEMANDING THAT PERMISSION

TO EMIGRATE FROM ROMANIA BE GRANTED TO HIS WIFE
AND CHILD. NEVERTHELESS, SCINTEIA AND LUMEA
ARTICLES ARE FIRST PUBLIC SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON
CSCE AFFAIRS FOR A LONG TIME AND PROBABLY CONSTITUTE
OPENING ROUND OF ROMANIAN PRE-BELGRADE PUBLICITY.
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MESSAGE IS CLEAR: WAY TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN CSCE
IS NOT THROUGH WESTERN PRESSURE ON SUCH BASKET III
TOPICS AS EMIGRATION BUT RATHER CONCENTRATION ON
MORE "POSITIVE" ASPECTS.
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